

# 2009 BARGAINING BULLETIN

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*March 23 action shows big support for team*

## Members on board for bargaining

A province-wide event held March 23 to show support for the OPSEU bargaining team at the LCBO was an overwhelming success. OPSEU members from north, south, east, and west proudly wore stickers proclaiming, “We’re all in the same boat!”

The level of support impressed the OPSEU mobilizers who had been promoting the day.

“I went to 25 stores, and of those 25 stores, I only had one not wearing the stickers,” said Kevin Ramsay, a mobilizer in Toronto. “That was because they didn’t have the stickers. When I arrived with the stickers, they happily put them on.”

“People are getting excited,” said Eileen Allen, mobilizer for OPSEU Local 379, which stretches from Lindsay to Cobourg to Algonquin Park. “They’re just waiting for the next bulletin to come out.”

Mike Sullivan, mobilizer for Local 165, said takeaways the LCBO put on the bargaining table have angered a lot of staff. “Let’s just say members were pleased to share their feelings with me about what was tabled,” he said.



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# Bargaining continues

OPSEU and the LCBO returned to the bargaining table March 23 and will continue to talk through the week.

“I know members have a lot of questions about what’s happening at the bargaining table, the bargaining schedule, and so on,” says OPSEU bargaining team chair Vanda Klumper. “While obviously we want to be prepared for what might happen down the road, right now our main focus is on getting into constructive dialogue with the employer.

“For now we think it’s best to let things unfold at the table, so people shouldn’t be expecting any urgent news just yet,” she said. “At this stage, the team is just asking members to get informed, to help their co-workers get informed, and to show their

support in every way possible.

“We will update the OPSEU website regularly as things progress,” she said. “Just remember, if you’re hearing something through the rumour mill and it’s not on our website, you can be sure it’s only a rumour.”

## Bargaining dates

The OPSEU bargaining team for the Liquor Board Employees Division first met with LCBO representatives on **March 9-10** and returned to the table **March 23**. Bargaining is currently scheduled for **March 23-26, April 1-2, April 6-9, April 14-16, April 27-May 1, and May 4-8**.

More dates will be scheduled if necessary.



## More photos online at [www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org)

OPSEU photographers snapped hundreds of pictures on March 23. We can't show them all here. For a complete collection from locations across Ontario, check out our Photo Gallery at <http://www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm>.

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## Meet your mobilizers!

OPSEU mobilizers are your co-workers at the LCBO. They're the direct link between you and your bargaining team. The following people are assigned as mobilizers in the OPSEU locals indicated.

- Guy Jeremschuck:** Local 162
- Dave Holmes:** Local 163
- Mike Robertson:** Local 164
- Mike Sullivan:** Local 165
- Bonnie Jolley:** Local 284
- Paula Sossi:** Local 285
- Deb Altoft:** Local 286
- Shawn Swayze:** Local 287
- Matt Savelli:** Local 287
- Frank Gullace:** Local 288
- Maria Bauer:** Locals 375, 376
- Doug Parks:** Locals 377, 378
- Eileen Allen:** Local 379
- Terri Taylor:** Locals 497, 498
- Devon Ford:** Locals 499, 4100
- Kevin Ramsay:** Locals 5107, 5110
- Roberto Ianni:** Locals 5108, 5111
- Craig Hadley:** Locals 5109, 5110, 5111
- Mellisa Jackson:** All Locals in OPSEU Region 6
- Anne Makela:** All Locals in Region 7

## Your bargaining team

The OPSEU bargaining team for the Liquor Board Employees Division consists of seven members:

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The bargaining team is assisted by OPSEU Senior Negotiator Rob Field, Senior Researcher Joyce Hansen, and other assigned staff.

## Stay informed

As negotiations pick up speed, make it your priority to stay on top of bargaining news.

1. Attend upcoming **bargaining information meetings** (see listing on the OPSEU web site at [www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm](http://www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm)).

2. Receive this bargaining bulletin (and our regular newsletter, the *Echo*) directly by **e-mail**. Just call OPSEUdirect at 1-800-268-7376 or (416) 443-8888 and give the operator your name and e-mail address.

3. Bookmark the address at [www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm](http://www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm) on the **OPSEU website** to learn more about what's happening inside the Liquor Board Employees Division.



## EAP Hotline: 1-800-263-1401

The LCBO Employee Assistance Program is a confidential, hassle-free counseling service for eligible LCBO employees and their immediate families. For assistance, call 1-800-263-1401. To find out more about the program, visit: [www.opseu.org/lbed/eap](http://www.opseu.org/lbed/eap).

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